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Dear Mr Chu,

Public Accounts Committee

Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 67

Funding of universities by University Grants Committee ("UGC")

Further to my letter of 4 January 2017, I would like to provide for reference by the Public Accounts Committee the supplementary information at the Annex which supersedes the annex to the appendix attached to the aforementioned letter in response to your letter dated 21 December 2016 requesting for supplementary information on a number of issues on administration of capital grants. My colleagues will send you soft copies of the information by email.

Should you need further clarifications on the above, please feel free to contact Miss Winnie Wong, Deputy Secretary-General (1) on 2844 9914.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. T. Armour', with a horizontal line underneath.

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**Number of total and successful applications for hostel places by students
enrolled in UGC-funded programmes,
with breakdown by category of students under paragraph 3.6 of
Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 67**

Appendix 16

Further to the provisional figures provided in our ~~letter of 4 January 2017~~, we set out below the figures for the past five years, with breakdown by category of students under paragraph 3.6 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 67, as recently collected from universities.

Year	Local undergraduate students*		
	No. of graduates who have applied but were <u>not</u> given the opportunity to stay in student hostels for at least one year of their courses	Total no. of graduates	% total
2012/13	1,119	14,405	7.8%
2013/14	1,193	14,686	8.1%
2014/15	1,219	15,717	7.8%
2015/16	1,302	17,332	7.5%
2016/17	N/A^		

Year	Non-local sub-degree, undergraduate and taught postgraduate students (including exchange students)		
	No. of applications	No. of successful applications	% total
2012/13	10,484	8,878	84.7%
2013/14	11,310	9,145	80.9%
2014/15	11,181	9,468	84.7%
2015/16	11,401	9,640	84.6%
2016/17	11,862	10,048	84.7%

Year	Research postgraduate students (including both local and non-local students)		
	No. of applications	No. of successful applications	% total
2012/13	5,419	3,601	66.5%
2013/14	6,430	3,850	59.9%
2014/15	6,772	4,076	60.2%
2015/16	6,052	4,089	67.6%
2016/17	6,204	4,126	66.5%

Year	Local undergraduate students whose daily travelling time exceed four hours#		
	No. of applications	No. of successful applications	% total
2012/13	121	48	39.7%
2013/14	310	184	59.4%
2014/15	421	348	82.7%
2015/16	815	652	80.0%
2016/17	826	681	82.4%

Notes

1. * Under the prevailing hostel policy, all undergraduate students who have enrolled in UGC-funded programmes should be given the opportunity to stay in student hostels for at least one year of their courses. Therefore, to assess whether a local undergraduate student is given the opportunity (or not given the opportunity) to stay in a student hostel for at least one year, we should look at his/her application record throughout the entire duration of his/her study, rather than at one particular year only. As such, the UGC Secretariat has asked the UGC-funded universities to provide statistics about the number of graduates who have applied to stay in hostel for at least one year throughout their study periods but nevertheless were not given the opportunity to stay in student hostels for at least one year.
2. ^ Information about the number of graduates in the 2016/17 academic year is not yet available.
3. # HKUST used to allocate hostel places based on students' residential districts instead of

travelling time before the year of 2014/15. Hence, the University has not provided the no. of applications / successful applications for students whose daily travelling time exceeded four hours for the years of 2012/13 and 2013/14.

4. The above statistics are compiled based on information provided by six out of the eight UGC-funded universities (i.e. Lingnan University (LU) and The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) are not covered). Regarding LU and EdUHK, they are not covered because the criteria in paragraph 3.6 of Chapter 2 of the Audit Report are not applicable to these two universities.
5. Position is as at 30 September of each academic year. Excluding student being allocated with hostel places due to other reasons, e.g. family and living condition, health condition, campus activity participation, contribution in extra-curricular activities, etc.